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Falls Fossil Festival at Falls of the Ohio State Park

The Falls of the Ohio State Park's 15th "Falls Fossil Festival" will be held September 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and September 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event, sponsored by the Falls of the Ohio Foundation, features:

- * 20 vendors selling fossils, minerals, crystals, educational material, crafts and food
- * *Children's Activity Area* with a variety of fun and educational activities
- * *Resource Tent* where you can get fossils and rocks identified by members of the Indiana Society for Paleontology, the Kentucky Paleontological Society and the Kyana Geological Society. Learn about other geological sites with material from many other fossil parks in North America, as well as information and free literature from the Indiana and Kentucky Geological Surveys.
- * Fossil and mineral identification - bring in your mystery rocks!
- * Hikes on the fossil beds, including extended hikes on the outer fossil beds
- * Collecting Silurian and Devonian fossils from special rock piles donated by Hanson Aggregates and collecting crystals from a mineral pile from southern Illinois fluorite mines.
Note: Collecting is not permitted anywhere else in the park
- * Exhibit – "*Green Planet: The History of Plants*" in the Interpretive Center explores plants in the fossil record and modern examples of "ancient" plants.

Proceeds benefit the education programs at the Falls of the Ohio State Park, which reach some 12,000 students each year!

A detailed Festival schedule is posted on the Falls of the Ohio web site at:
http://www.falloftheohio.org/fossil_festival.shtml